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### SEMINARS ARE FREE

All seminars begin at 7:00 p.m. ending at 9:00 p.m. All venues are Fly-In/Drive-In. No reservations required. Your attendance at this seminar fulfills one of the requirements of the pilot proficiency award program (Wings Program). Completion of the requirements of the Wings Program, as outlined in AC 61-91H, will qualify you to receive a Wings lapel pin, ("Wings pins supplied by AVEMCO Insurance Company"), and a wall certificate. Registration details available at the seminar. For updates, contact the Fresno FSDO or INTERNET [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov) or E-mail: JAMES.A.HENRY@FAA.GOV

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## MAJOR CHANGES FOR THE SAFETY PROGRAM

The National FAA Aviation Safety Program as you have know it is now entering its major "sea-change" makeover.

HQ has decided to morph the FAA Aviation Safety Program into the FAA Safety Team or (FAASTeam).

Putting it into Washington's HQ words:

*"In an effort to better serve the aviation public and reduce aviation accidents and incidents in all phases of aviation we are changing the Aviation Safety Program to the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam)....."*

*In the past we used well-organized groups of volunteers from different segments of the community and aviation industry, known as Aviation Safety Counselors. These volunteers worked along side our Safety Program Managers to aid, expand and enrich the Aviation Safety Program.*

*The tasks and projects associated with the program are too numerous and complex to be accomplished by any one person, regardless of how ingenious or energetic. In the FAASTeam program these positions will be called FAASTeam Lead Representatives and FAASTeam Representatives.*

*To accomplish our mission under the FAASTeam, each FAASTeam Program Manager (FPM) will build an organization of dedicated Lead Representatives and Representatives who are willing to contribute their time and resources toward employing a System Safety framework to solve safety problems and promote aviation safety. Each FAASTeam Program Manager (FPM) will be able to appoint up to ten (10) Lead Representatives who will work together with the FPM to effectively promote the FAASTeam Program. FAASTeam Lead Representatives will accomplish a large portion of the program activities by conducting safety training seminars and symposiums within their area of responsibility.*

SELECTION. *The FPM will select FAASTeam Lead Representatives with the concurrence of the Region FAASTeam Manager. FAASTeam Lead Representatives select FAASTeam Representatives with the concurrence of the FPM. Lead Representatives and Representatives both serve on a volunteer basis. Criteria for appointment of FAASTeam Lead Representatives include:*

- A. Excellent standing within the aviation community*
- B. Proactive support of the FAA*

- C. *Completion of a specific FAASTeam Lead Representative training curriculum*
- D. *Proven ability to manage safety program activities including supervision of FAASTeam representatives*
- E. *Background or training in principles of System Safety*
- G. *Communications skill specific to aviation safety education*
- H. *Proficiency in the use of advanced tools available through <http://www.faasafety.gov/>*

*Selection of FAASTeam Representatives should be based on the candidates' ability to accomplish program tasks, his/her interest in aviation safety, and respect the candidate has earned from the aviation community.*

**FAAFTeam Lead Representative Responsibilities**  
 FAAFTeam Lead Representatives are responsible for managing Aviation Safety Program activities conducted by FAAFTeam Representatives within their area of responsibility. FAAFTeam Lead Representatives will work closely with and report accomplishment of activities to their supervising FAAFTeam Program Manager.

**FAAFTeam Lead Representative Skills** They will possess a diverse knowledge of computer applications and use of the Internet, including advanced tools available through the [faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov) website and communications via e-mail. They will possess aviation safety education skills".

## Volunteer Effort.

So, as one may deduce, the FAAFTeam Program Manager (FPM), is going to be relying more and more on the volunteer efforts of the former Aviation Safety Counselors. (To be renamed the FAAFTeam Lead and basic Representatives.)

Therefore, beginning now, this editor is requesting and recruiting volunteers in the Fresno District who may be interested in such an effort.

## State of the Art Instructional Tools.

The FAA is centralizing its source of instructional tools, through the Lakeland, Florida FAA Media Resource center. Therefore, the FAA will be able to provide more cost effective and standardized training/informational tools.

Such tools will be available for the FAAFTeam Representatives who desire to put on safety seminars.

## So what's to happen with the Safety Seminars?

Well, as of this writing, this editor intends to continue "business as usual" with the expected seminar series that this District has enjoyed in the past.

This policy will continue until the transition into the FAAFTeam Program takes effect; which is scheduled to be around September 2006.

Our scheduling procedures for now will again follow the same structure, with which most folks are familiar:

1st THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--ANNOUNCED AIRPORTS  
 2nd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--BAKERSFIELD MEADOWS (BFL) at the Sheriff's complex.  
 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--MERCED/CASTLE Airport, Base Ops Building.  
 4th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--FRESNO-CHANDLER Airport, Administrative Building.

Nonetheless, in order to remain in the "know" as far as local FAA aviation issues are concerned, I again urge you to get registered on [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov).



### "Passing of a Great Airman"

We are saddened to hear the news of Bakersfield Aviator: Mr. William Gatschet, who passed away last month after a brief illness. Bill, was a great pilot, mentor, instructor and supporter of the FAA's Aviation Safety Program. Smooth skies, Bill.

### Master Pilot Award

The FAA's "Wright Brothers Master Pilot" Award will be the issued to two aviator's from the Bakersfield Area at the February 9<sup>th</sup> class in BFL

Mr. Bill Gatschet (Posthumously) &  
 Mr. Gill Peterson

### Wings Awards

Pilot	Wings	Date	Instructor
Mr. Doug Balmain	VII	October, 2005	Balmain, T
Mr. David A. Johnson	I	October, 2005	Krauter, K
Mr. Richard B. Johnston	III	October, 2005	Mesenhimer, D
Mr. John A. Porter	XV	October, 2005	Mazzagatte, P
Mr. Charles S. Robb	VI	October, 2005	Simcom SDL
Mr. Bernhard Sperk	VI	October, 2005	Parson's F
Ms. Maxine Turner	XIII	October, 2005	Gatschet, W.
Mr. Timothy C. Watson	II	October, 2005	Breeden W.
Mr. Thomas A. Akin M.D.	XI	November, 2005	Truitt, G
Mr. Phillip L. Boucher	VIII	November, 2005	Balken
Mr. Timothy S. Caughron	II	November, 2005	Penalaza, E
Ms. Carole Fischer	X	November, 2005	Caiaati, U
Mr. David G-W Garen	II	November, 2005	Beijens, B
Mr. James W. Henderson	I	November, 2005	Phillipson, J
Mr. Justin Lipke	I	November, 2005	Beijens, B
Mr. Gerald Lynn	I	November, 2005	Monahan, L
Mr. Timothy J. McDonald	X	November, 2005	Askew, L
Mr. Christian L. Mullins	I	November, 2005	Cordle, A
Mr. Kenneth W. Pierson	IV	November, 2005	Truitt, G
Mr. Paul M. Reed	XI	November, 2005	Skillicorn, J
Mr. Brent K. Rolland	IV	November, 2005	Moore, P
Mr. Steven R. Windh	VIII	November, 2005	Meinhart, P
Mr. Anil G. Gehani	XIV	December, 2005	Blum, D
Ms. Laura Zbikowski	II	December, 2005	Beijensd, B

### February, 2006 Seminars

February Topic: *"State of the District"*

<b>February 2</b>	<b>February 9</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 23</b>
	<b>Bakersfield (BFL)</b>	<b>Atwater (MER)</b>	<b>Fresno (FCH)</b>
<b>No Seminar</b>	<i>"State of the District"</i>	<i>"State of the District"</i>	<i>"State of the District"</i>
	Kern Cty Sheriff's	Bld 411	<u><i>"Runway Café will be open"</i></u>
	Cplex, Training Bld.	Castle Airport	Chandler Admin. Bld.
	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.